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EQUIPMENT FOR NEW R.R. ARRIVES

Train of Twelve Flat Cars Built at the Twohy Bros. Co. Shops at Portland Here for the Coast Railroad

A train of 12 specially constructed flat cars for the O. & C. railway arrived in the city over the Southern Pacific Tuesday night, and has been set over to the new road and placed in immediate commission. The new cars were built at the Twohy Brothers company shops in Portland, and are of the latest type of construction. They are each 41 feet long and of 80,000 pounds capacity. They are painted and lettered in keeping with the balance of the equipment of the new road, and are an important addition to the equipment. The road now has 18 flat cars upon its line, and is getting ready for an active season in both lumbering and mining, anticipating a great deal of traffic from each of these sources. Other cars, including a number of box cars, are now being built at the shops, and the rolling stock of the line will be added to as fast as there is any call for it, according to the statements of the officials.

Work in placing the 16 miles of road now built in the best possible condition for traffic is now being pushed. The track is being raised and ballast tamped till it has a very different appearance than when first laid. The fencing is progressing and sidings and switches are being placed. The surveying crew is now working in the Kerby country, and every indication points to things doing in a big way in the very near future.

GEN. OBREGON REPORTS VILLA HAS 150 MEN

Washington, April 12.—General Obregon sent a cablegram to the Mexican embassy here today, declaring Francisco Villa had entered the mountains, wounded, with fewer than 150 men. The report was based on official dispatches received by Obregon.

YOUTHFUL PRISONER PARDONED BY GOVERNOR

Salem, April 12.—After serving three years in the penitentiary for burglary and assaulting an officer, Stanley Gilbert, 20 years old, was conditionally pardoned today by Governor Withycombe and will be returned to his parents in St. Paul, Minn. Gilbert was only 17 when he was sentenced.

UNCOVER MURDER MYSTERY AT WEED

Weed, Cal., April 12.—A six months old murder was unearthed today with the finding of a corpse buried three feet deep in the undergrowth near town.

The gruesome discovery was made by a tramp. He saw a shoe sticking out of a sand bank and attempted to pick it up. As he hauled on it a leg appeared from the ground, then a hand. The tramp fled and notified officers, who came with spades and dug up the body of a man, fully dressed, who had evidently been dead six months. There was a bullet hole in his forehead.

Officers believe the man was murdered and buried by robbers last October. They have no means of identifying him.

ANXIETY CAUSED BY MOVEMENT OF CARRANZA ARMY

San Antonio, April 12.—Movements of Carranza troops in northern Mexico, and the activities of various Mexican politicians are causing considerable anxiety at army headquarters here, it was learned today on the highest authority.

Although details of the constitutionalist troop movements have not been made public, it is understood that General Elias P. Calles conducted a large force southeast of Douglas, Ariz., and that General Gomez marched westward with a heavy column northwest of Casas Grandes. In order to save nearly 300 miles of communications, General Funston has prepared detailed plans for moving the army base to a point near Presidio. No move has been made yet. The project is merely under consideration.

MYSTERY SHIP IN THE SOUTH SEAS

San Francisco, April 12.—Somewhere in the South seas an unidentified mystery ship is drifting today, according to cable reports received by the Chamber of Commerce from Australia. These messages said the bark Lobo, from British Columbia, found the derelict January 16 off South Minerva reef. Investigation revealed everything aboard it was in perfect condition, but every bite of food and every pound of cargo had been removed.

On the afterhouse a week's washing flapped from a cord. In the galley plates were spread, as if in preparation for a meal. The vessel's name had been carefully obliterated and it was evident every effort had been made to conceal its identity.

Being unable to take the strange craft in tow, the Lobo seamen left it. When last seen the derelict, painted a dull grey, was slowly merging into a wall of mist and men on the Lobo heard the clang of its bell come faintly over the water. They believe the bell rang when the vessel took an unusual pitch on the heavy swell.

MORE O.-C. LAND GRANT TROUBLE

San Francisco, April 12.—Indictments charging use of the United States mails to defraud may be voted by the federal grand jury here against a group of alleged swindlers who are said to have taken \$1,000,000 from 15,000 victims by the fraudulent sale of Oregon-California railroad lands, according to the statement today of Henry H. Childers, special land office agent, who has come here from New York to present the evidence.

Childers fully expects that the grand jury will vote indictments when his facts are laid before the probers. He asserts that the men he is after obtained sums ranging from \$65 to \$150 from their dupes on pretense of using the money to pay expenses incident to purchasing Oregon-California railroad lands for them.

When the so-called expense money had been received, Childers declares, the bunco men would vanish and hunt new victims. He says ring-leaders in the plot and a number of their henchmen are in San Francisco at present, under close surveillance. Childers was specially appointed to conduct land fraud investigations. He is working in conjunction with the federal attorney here.

FORGET WAR IN DIAMOND BATTLES

National Baseball Arrives, and Attention of 100,000,000 People Turns From European Fields of Carnage

New York, April 12.—Baseball arrived today, took off its hat and decided to stay a while. The crack of bats in all parts of the U. S. A. resembled the snapping of machine guns before Verdun, and horsehide pellets showered in the out-meadows like shrapnel while thousands of fans split their waist coats cheering and the stock tickers clicked on apocalyptic and unnoticed.

Although the weather fend murmured of weeping skies in some quarters, all the games occurred as per schedule. Up Philadelphia way they had some chill gales, but 19,000 pilgrims were in the stands to see Larry Doyle score the first big league run of the season when he singled, got to third on Fletcher's bingle and slid home on Benny Kauff's perfect sacrifice fly, giving the Giants the jump on Philadelphia. It happened at exactly 3:12 p. m.

To Claude Milan, of Washington, went the credit for the first home run of the year. He slammed the first ball Caldwell of the Yankees offered him, poled it way, way out California way and circled the sacks. There was great applause.

Immense crowds attended the opening games everywhere. Cincinnati and Chicago boasted of 25,000 attendance each.

BRESLIN BEST COOK OF FLAPJACKS IN FRISCO

San Francisco, April 12.—Neil Breslin can cook "flapjacks" better than any cook in town.

He proved it today, not over a cook stove, but right in the middle of the street.

Wm. May and John Ryan, also cooks, disputed Breslin's championship claims.

"I can't cook flapjacks, can't I," roared Breslin, drawing a gun and shooting twice.

"You bet you can," they admitted. And then Officers Gallagher, Tibbs and Cadden came along and took him to the city prison, where he can prove it to prisoners.

SURRENDER OF JIM COX BRINGS CALIFORNIA MAN HUNT TO CLOSE

Auburn, Cal., April 12.—Jim Cox, hunted by bloodhounds and possses as one of the men who shot Constable Dependanner here last Sunday night, surrendered at 10 a. m. today. He was placed in jail here.

Cox was brought to town by a brother who lives in the Long Valley district and who was not concerned in the Dependanner affair. He was not wounded, but declares that his brother Albert, also implicated in the shooting of Dependanner, is carrying a bullet in the arm. Jim Cox asserted he did not know what had become of Albert.

When the prisoner surrendered officers had just about decided he was dead. There was a report that he had been fatally wounded while fleeing from town after the shooting.

Bloodhounds from Folsom prison have been taken to Truckee in the hope that they might get trace of Albert Cox. Officers believe he went there on a train from Dutch Flat. Passen-

REPORT FIGHT IN MEXICO TODAY

Word Is Brought to El Paso That Battle Is On in the Jimenez and Parral Districts But Censor Cuts News

El Paso, April 12.—A battle is reported today to have been fought between Jimenez and Parral, but the Carranzista censors will not allow a word of the forces engaged to be made public.

First news of the fight came when a Mexican Central railroad train ran into the midst of it. With the battle raging around him, the engineer stopped his train and started back to Jimenez, whence censored accounts of the affair came to the border.

It is not known whether United States troops are engaged. Mining men at Parral declare that an American force is near the battlefield and that a Villista squadron is known to be in that region. The Juarez authorities maintain silence.

The whereabouts of Villa is still a deep mystery. Rumors of his death are believed to have been inspired by Mexicans who desired the American expedition to withdraw. Marquez de la O, a former Villista, now in the Carranzista army, arrived at Chihuahua City, stating that a Mexican had brought information of Villa's death.

However, mining company advisers tend to show that Villa, with a considerable column of men, was last reported near Tepehuanes.

That the main American cavalry force is in southwestern Chihuahua was shown today by negotiations between the quartermaster's department of the army and El Paso dealers for the purchase of hay and oats in large quantities for shipment over the Mexico Central railroad via Chihuahua City. This is another indication that Americans are in the neighborhood of the fight reported raging between Parral and Jimenez.

Fort Bliss received an unconfirmed report that an anti-American proclamation had been circulated in Chihuahua City on Friday. Presumably this poster was suppressed by Carranzistas, as later reports said that constitutionalists at Chihuahua were co-operating with United States troops.

TRANSFER ACTIVITY TO WEST BANK OF MEUSE

Paris, April 12.—Again transferring their activities to the west bank of the Meuse, German forces today attacked Caurette wood on the northeastern approach to Dead Man's hill. Their charge was made behind a shield of flaming liquids. The assault spread southward to Cumieres woods. Everywhere, said the Paris communique, the attempt was halted.

The Germans have not attempted a new attack east of the Meuse, but their artillery is very active between Douaumont and Vaux, where Teuton infantry suffered heavily in making attacks yesterday.

Athens, April 12.—Newspapers declared today that the Germans had started an offensive on the Greek frontier, capturing the Devetepe fortifications from the allies.

MINE CLEAN-UP OF 125 OUNCES IS MARKETING

Six "blancets" of gold that made the eyes of the layman water as he looked upon them and calculated mentally the wealth that they represented were exhibited at the First National bank today. They were the product of the old Higgin's Strike mine on the Chetco, and were brought in by W. W. Lawton, who with his partner are wrestling a small fortune from the rock. The gold brought in at this time weighed 125 ounces, and was worth more than \$2,000. It does not represent the season's entire run by any means, but there will be other marketing days for the fortunate owners of this mine which created a good deal of a flurry in mining circles when news of the wonderful richness of the ore was made known upon its discovery a few years ago. The last previous banking of gold from this mine was even larger than the present one.

3000 BRITISH FALL AT KUT-EL-AMARA

Berlin, April 12.—More than 3,000 British were killed and thousands of others wounded in an unsuccessful attack on Turks east of Kut-el-Amara, according to today's Constantinople communique.

This is the most disastrous defeat the British forces have suffered since they first attempted to relieve General Townshend's besieged garrison in Kut-el-Amara. It occurred, the communique said, near Felahie, 23 miles east of the city, in a bend of the Tigris river.

"After an hour and a half of artillery bombardment, the enemy attacked with all his force," declared the Constantinople account. "The battle raged for six hours. At the beginning the enemy penetrated parts of our trenches, but we bayoneted all who entered our works. The remainder were defeated heavily. In our trenches and before them we counted 3,000 British dead."

SNIPERS ARE BUSY AT CASAS GRANDES

Columbus, N. M., April 12.—Incoming army truck drivers today reported that Mexican snipers were busy around Casas Grandes. Bullet holes were noticed in the body of one machine. The snipers fled when American guards galloped out to fight them. Army headquarters, upon receipt of this news, reiterated its belief that small bands of bandits are still roving the country behind the expedition's advanced positions.

Precautions have been taken to prevent the lynching of six Mexicans held here on charges of having participated in the Villista raid on this city. Military authorities plan to turn the prisoners over to the civil courts at Deming, N. M., for trial on charges of murder.

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R. H. DAVIS IS CALLED BY DEATH

The Noted Author Fell Dead While Receiving Message Over the Telephone in His New York Home Last Night

New York, April 12.—Richard Harding Davis, the author, dropped dead of heart failure last night as he was talking over the telephone at his home in Mount Kisco, it was learned today.

Davis was receiving a telegram over the telephone about 9:30 p. m. when he was stricken. When he did not return from the telephone his wife assumed that he had gone into another room to read. After some time, when he failed to respond to calls, Mrs. Davis and her daughter, Hope, investigated. They found Davis dead on the floor. He was apparently fairly well yesterday, although he had been in poor health for two weeks. His widow said he remained around the house because he was not feeling in the best of condition.

Richard Harding Davis was the author of numerous popular novels, and also wrote several successful plays, but he was perhaps best known as a war correspondent.

Davis' first war was the Turkish-Greek, which he "covered" for the New York Herald and the London Times. Later he served as correspondent in the Spanish-American, South African and Russo-Japanese wars.

In the present war he went to France and Belgium, being arrested for trying to reach the front without official permission. Disgusted with this treatment, he left and returned to his home at Cross Roads farms, Mount Kisco, N. Y. After a brief rest here, he started out again and joined the allies when they marched in an attempt to save Serbia. He remained with the entente armies during their famous retreat to Saloniki, then came back to the United States.

Davis was born in Philadelphia 52 years ago. He began work as a newspaper reporter after having attended Lehigh and Johns Hopkins universities.

In 1899 Davis married Miss Cecile Clark, of Chicago, but she divorced him in 1912. Four years ago he married Miss Bessie McCoy. Instead of going on a honeymoon, the bridal couple gave an outing to several hundred poor children of New York.

Davis wrote more than 30 novels and books of sketches, including "Soldiers of Fortune," "Gallagher," "Princess Aline," "Van Bibber," "Three Gringos in Venezuela," "The King's Jackal," "The Lion and the Unicorn," "In the Fog," "Ransom's Folly," "Captain Macklin," "The Bar Sinister," "The Scarlet Car" and "The White Mice."

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